

into the capital, in the King's
name,
without asking for his
sanction, for
fear of refusal.

Queen

When did you send your
messengers?

Minister

It will soon be a month
hence. I
am expecting their answers
every
moment. But I am afraid
they will
not respond.

Queen

Not respond to the King's
call ?

Devadatta

The King has become a piece
of wild
rumour, which they can
believe, or
not, as they like.

Queen

Keep your soldiers ready,
Minister,
for these people. They shall
have to
answer to me, as my
relatives.

[The MINISTER goes.]